

basis, two thirds to the county will be \$2,000 and \$109,000 to counties on population. In other words, it will mean that Douglas County will get \$28,000 or a total of \$30,000; Lancaster, \$14,000 and Hall County, \$15,000. I do feel that the purpose of this fund when it was set up several years ago was to promote activity in county fairs development and to get our youth interested in 4-H. This has been a tremendous boost but with the rate of inflation going as it is, and many of our county fairs are in difficulty because of the low amount of money that they are receiving and this boost of thirty cents tax divided equally among the counties will give the needed incentive to continue the promotion of county fairs and agricultural interests in our state and I do feel it is helping the total state and not just the large urban centers. Agriculture makes the State of Nebraska and I feel anything we can do to promote this is very important. Everyone that was at the hearing presented arguments against section 6 as it was written in the bill and wanted this portion deleted and divided equally among several counties. Mr. Skochdopole, the attorney, representing the Thoroughbred Racing Association of Nebraska said in the committee hearings that he did not support the new method of distributing funds and he felt that it was important that the distribution be distributed equally among the counties. He said this money is used for funding the promotion of agricultural society in the various counties and is very vitally important to the smaller populated counties of which can't raise money as easily for the promotion of their county fairs and originally the present method of funding distribution was set in its present way as a means to assist the small county with its county fair. Orville Koch, the secretary of the Nebraska County Fairs supported this and was opposed to the bill. Henry Brandt of the Nebraska State Fair also supported this and with this in mind I encourage you to adopt this amendment to delete section 6 of this bill and reinsert the stricken language which would then distribute the excess funds of the Racing Commission equally to each county fair in the state. I move for the adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the second Sieck amendment to 939 vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have another amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner now moves to amend the bill. Senator Warner's amendments are on page 931 of the Journal.